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1. SUMMARY. DURING 9-DAY STOP AT LOME IN COURSE OF AFRICAN TOUR, CONFEDERATION FRANCAISE DEMOCRATIQUE DU TRAVAIL (CFDT) DELEGATION CONTINUED TO DRUM THEME PLAYED AT DAKAR AND AGREED WITH CONFEDERATION NATIONALE DES TRAVAILLEURS DU TOGO (CNTT) ON NEED FOR UNIONS TO JOIN IN FIGHT AGAINST "NEO-COLONIALISM", IMPERIALISM, INFLUENCE OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM AND RACISM. THEY STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF TRADE UNIONS IN COMBATTING THESE EVILS AND PLEDGED TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD THIS GOAL THROUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COOPERATION IN LABOR UNION TRAINING AND UNIFIED ACTION AT LEVEL

OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

2. DURING FEB. 20-24 STOP AT LOME, CFDT, DEL HEADED BY SEC GEN EDMOND MAIRE AND INCLUDING YVES ARCADIAS AND CLAUDE VINCENT, HAD SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH GOT MIN OF LABOR BGEBENI AND CNTT ASST. SEC-GEN KOKOU AGBOBLI. THRUST OF MEETINGS WAS TO CALL FOR TRADE UNIONISM SOLIDARITY IN FIGHT AGAINST COLONIZATION AND RACISM ESPECIALLY IN RHODESIA, S. AFRICA AND NAMIBIA, NEO-COLONIALISM, ALL FORMS OF IMPERIALISM, AND INFLUENCES OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM. BOTH GROUPS DISCUSSED AND AGREED TO WORK TOWARD GOAL OF FINDING WAYS TO MAINTAIN RESPECT FOR SOCIAL RIGHTS OF AFRICAN WORKERS IN FRANCE.

3. MEETING PRODUCED "POSITIVE ASSESSMENT" OF STRATEGY OF OIL PRODUCING STATES IN AS MUCH AS "NEW ARRANGEMENTS HELP BREAK THE WORLDWIDE DOMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITALIST SYSTEM AND ATTENDANT EXPLOITATION". BOTH GROUPS AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE TO "EFFORTS MADE BY PRODUCER COUNTRIES" IN RECUPERATING OWNERSHIP OF NATIONAL RESOURCES AS MEANS OF UPSETTING POWER RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND EXPLOITED COUNTRIES.

4. WITHOUT PROVIDING SPECIFICS, CFDT AND CNTT DECIDED TO REINFORCE THEIR COOPERATION IN LABOR UNION TRAINING AND OTHER FIELDS TO STRENGTHEN EFFICIENCY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNIONISM, ESPECIALLY AT LEVEL OF INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

5. ON SUBJECT OF NEW EEC-ACP AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED AT LOME FEB. 28, BOTH ORGANIZATIONS PLEDGED TO WORK TO INSURE EQUALITY IN RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND THIRD WORLD NATIONS SINCE PAST RELATIONS NORMALLY CHARACTERIZED BY "UNEQUAL PARTNERSHIP."
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6. ACCORDING TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC) SOURCE, CFDT VISIT TO CNTT IS FORTUITOUS CASE OF FISH COMING TO FISHERMAN IN VIEW OF CNTT'S EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS IN LINE WITH PRES. EYADEMA'S POLICY OF CREATING
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DIALOGUE WITH ALL NATIONS OF VARYING PHILOSOPHIES. CNTT'S MORE IMMEDIATE GOAL APPEARS TO BE SEEKING MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM RICHER MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND IT PROBABLY EXPECTS THIS FIRST CONTACT WITH CFDT TO HAVE SOME TANGIBLE RESULTS, ALTHOUGH NO MENTION OF CFDT ASSISTANCE WAS MADE.
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